resposiblity of the Press Information Bureau, a centralised institution; which is manned by specialists from, the Indian Information Service. The Public Realations Wing of the Ministries [Departments including Defence are headed by a PIB officer. At the same time, the Directorate of Public Relations of the Ministry of Defence also has officers from all the three defence Services. There is good mix of media and Service professionals with a view to projecting the defence services.

(b) and (c) At present only 3 of the 36 sanctioned posts of Public Relations Officers in the Ministry of Defence are lying vacant. Two of these posts fell vacant in November 93 upon premature retirement J transfer of the Incumbents. The third post fell vacant on 21s(October, 93 for similar reasons. Effor's are - being made to fill these vacancies at the earliest.

Revamping of the public relations set up for the defence services is an ongoing process and is carried out as and when required.

NEED TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR SUB MARINES FOR INDIA

3128. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA.

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Wlil the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need foi India to acquire nuclear powered submarines in the Indian ocean to discourage foreign interferences and safety; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE'(SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN) : fa) and (b) The country's requit'emeints in terms, of naval equipment are assessed with reference to the Perspective Plan and Annual Plan drawn up for, the purpose, also taking into account; the ,geo-strategic environment, the threat perception, the country's maritime interests, the likely tasks that the Navy may be called upon to perform and he budgetary resources available. Prioritisation of requirements is thust under constant review.

LAPSES BY CANTONMENT BOARDS, LUCKNOW AND KANPUR

3129. SHRI RAFIQ ALAM : "Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial lapses determined by the Audit authorities in the last 3 years on the working of Cantonment Boards in Lvxknow and Kanpur.

.(b) whether it is a fact that a group af encroaehers have been taking away the properties in these cantdnments existing under the old grant or normal leases in different areas within.: the limits of the Cantonment;

(c) whether a committee has been constituted to determine the. lapses on the part of Defence Estate Office to prevent inauthor sed constructions or encroachments in Kanpur Cantonment area; and

(d) if so, by when the committee is likely to submit its report?

THE* MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) Audit Autho-i'ies have not pointed out any major financial lapse except some minor objec-t\ons[observations of procedural nature committed by the Cantonment Boards, Kanpur and Lucknow during the last 3 ears, and Have certified that' the accounts are maintained by these" Cantonment Boards satisfactorily.

2. As regards encroachments on pro-perties under old grants or normal leases, Bungalow No. 1, Nehru Road, Lucknow covering an area of 10.85 acres which was held ori old grant by 'Shri Ram Das was transferred to Shri Thakurji Maharaj through a registered Will, and a trust was created to look after the property. On

this Bungalow which was partly under the notified civil area and partly outside the civil area, 183 houses|huts came up dur.ng the past some time. The matter was considered by the Government in 1986 and it was decided to allow the holder of occupancy right (HOR) to convert an area of 6.41 acres under Survey No. 16 under the management ot Defence Estates Officer (DEO) into tree hold to enable the HOR to construct pucca houses. No such case has been reported in Kanpur Cantonment.

No Committee has been constituted to determine the lapses qn the part ol Defence Estates Officer t*o* prevent unauthorised constructions or encroachments *fa* Kanpur Cantonment.

ALLOTMENT OF DEFENCE LANDS IN HYDERABAD

3130. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAII: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allottee land belonging to Defence Ministry at Hyderabad and Secunderabad, recently tc private parties;

(b) if so, the names of the beneficiana: and the cost at wh'ch the land has beer allotted;

(c) what are the reasons for selling this land and whether any public notice was issued in the matter;

(d) whether there are some more applications still pending ; and

(e) what are the details thereof ?

THB MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view oi reply to (a) above.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to (d) above.

DEBTORS OF ET&T CORPORATION LIMITED

3131. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PIL-LAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ET&l Corporation Limited has a huge number of debtors;

(b) if so, the amount and the detail! of debtors;

(c) whether it is a fact that hug! materials are sold to private companie on credit which has resulted in the prt sent situation; and

(d) if so, what action has been take by the Corporation to recover the amou and also against the officers who ha given this credit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TI MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FE TILIZERS WITH ADDITION-CHARGE OF THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PA LIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MIN TER OF STATE IN THE DEPAl MENT OF ELECTRONICS AND 1 PARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVEL MENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIH (a) and (b) Total number of Su Debtors as on 31-3-1993 was 922 **he* amount outstanding was Rs. 194 lakhs. A broad categorisation of de is given in the statement (see below).

(c) and (d) Dues from prJvate comj which were outstanding account fc per cent of the total outstanding The Corporation extended credit to vate companies who were having de with the Corporation for a long \ Action has been initiated to recove outstanding amounts and an amount Rs. 872.53 lakhs have been, recove far. 23 criminal-cases/civil cases/ w up petitions have been launched cover Rs. 240 lakhs (approx.) of *ox* rag dues. No action has been against any officer as yet.